‘RE-READING EAST GERMANY’
THE LITERATURE AND FILM OF THE GDR
A SYMPOSIUM
NEW COLLEGE, OXFORD
24-25 March 2011

Thurs 24 March 2011

11am Registration and coffee - JCR

McGregor Matthews Room*

11.30am The GDR: An Overview
   Wolfgang Emmerich, University of Bremen

12.15 pm Resurrected from the Ruins: The Emergence of GDR Culture
   Stephen Brockmann, Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh

1pm Lunch (Hall)

2.00 pm DEFA’s Anti-fascist Myths and the Construction of National Identity in
   East German Cinema
   Seán Allan, University of Warwick

2.45pm From ‘Faust Part 3’ to ‘Germania 3’: Drama in the GDR
   Holger Teschke, Berlin and Mount Holyoke College, Massachusetts

3.30pm tea (JCR)

4pm Autobiographical Writing in the GDR Era
   Dennis Tate, University of Bath

4.45pm Gender in GDR Literature
   Georgina Paul, St Hilda’s College, Oxford

(5.30pm-6pm short break)

6pm Durs Grünbein and Michael Eskin: Reading and Discussion (Long Room)*

7.30 pm Champagne Reception to launch Durs Grünbein, The Vocation of Poetry,
   trans. by Michael Eskin, Upper West Side Philosophers Press, Inc. 2011 (Long
   Room) *

8.00pm Conference Dinner (Founders Library)

College Bar open until Midnight.

* Unfortunately, owing to the nature of the buildings, the McGregor Mathews Room
   and the Long Room have no wheelchair access.
Fri 25th March 2011

8-9am *Breakfast* (Hall)

9.15 am Negotiating the Politics of Satire: Satirical Novels in the GDR and Beyond
*Jill Twark*, East Carolina University, NC

10 am *Oktoberfilm* introduced by Durs Grünbein (+ discussion)

11 am *coffee* (JCR)

11.30 am Power of the Word: Poetry and Politics in the GDR
*Gerrit-Jan Berendse*, University of Cardiff

12.15 pm Tinker, Tailor, Writer, Spy: Literature and the Stasi
*Alison Lewis*, University of Melbourne

1pm *Lunch* (Hall)

2pm Intellectuals and the Wende: Missed Opportunities and Dashed Hopes
*Carol Anne Costabile-Heming*, Northern Kentucky University

2.45 pm Spectres of the GDR: Remembering the GDR Twenty Years On.
*Karen Leeder*, New College, Oxford

3.30pm Conference Concludes